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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the July 1 Sheep & Goat Production Report. Total inventory numbers are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down Slightly

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2006, totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head, was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million head of ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 670,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 630,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 370,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

The 2006 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.10 million head, down 1 percent from the 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2005-2006

Region 1/	All Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs							
					Total		Ewes 1+		Rams 1+		Replacement Lambs	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>											
Region 1	1,300	1,280	495	480	805	800	685	680	30	30	90	90
Region 2	1,500	1,470	500	490	1,000	980	815	805	45	45	140	130
Region 3	2,650	2,650	1,190	1,190	1,460	1,460	1,220	1,220	40	40	200	200
Region 4	1,200	1,200	535	535	665	665	535	535	30	30	100	100
Region 5	1,150	1,170	425	440	725	730	535	540	40	40	150	150
U.S.	7,800	7,770	3,145	3,135	4,655	4,635	3,790	3,780	185	185	680	670

1/ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states

Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

This is the first publication of July 1 estimates of total goat inventory and kid crop for the United States. Estimates for July 2006 and 2005 are being published. All goat inventory on July 1, 2006 totaled 3.47 million head, up 3 percent from the previous July. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.58 million head, up 3 percent from July 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 890,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.86 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. Milk goat inventory remained steady at 320,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 2 percent to 285,000 head. The 2006 kid crop is expected to total 1.97 million head, up 7 percent from the 2005 kid crop of 1.84million head.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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